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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who is in the world as well as above and beyond it, You are our refuge and strength. On this September 11, we remember the terrorist attacks on our Nation.

Lord, thank You for continuing to be a shelter for our land. In a special way, bless our military men and women who daily risk their lives to protect our freedoms. Remind us that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is an equal opportunity destroyer. Empower us to become a people and Nation worthy of the blessings You have showered upon us. Guide our lawmakers with Your wisdom, protection, and strength, using them to make our Nation and world better. Surround them with the shield of Your favor as You provide them with the wisdom to do what is right, just, and true.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 11, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. WALSH, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WALSH thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will observe a moment of silence to pay tribute to the thousands of Americans whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001.

(Moment of Silence.)

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of the Republican leader, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2199, the Paycheck Fairness Act postcloture.

The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to S.J. Res. 19, the constitutional amendment on campaign finance reform, is 12 noon today and the second-degree amendments is 1 p.m.

We hope to move forward on the Paycheck Fairness Act and vote on cloture

on the constitutional amendment early this afternoon. Senators will be notified when the votes are scheduled.

We remind everyone there is a briefing at 4 p.m. today. It will be in the Visitor Center in a classified room. We will be briefed on what is going on in the Middle East by administration officials.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 5078

Mr. REID. Mr. President, H.R. 5078 is due for its second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title for a second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5078) to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. I would object to any further proceedings at this time on this matter.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am not sure everyone remembers where they were 13 years ago today, but most of us remember. The vast majority of us remember. Just a few feet from here in S-219 Senator Daschle had his usual Tuesday morning leadership meeting. I was assistant leader at the time. I was first to come into the room shortly before 9. About 9—maybe a minute or two after—Senator John Breaux from Louisiana walked in and said: Flip on the TV. Something is going on in New York. And we flipped on the television. Something had happened in one of the towers, like an airplane had hit one of those towers.

We said: What happened there? And we kind of looked at each other.

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